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Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT EASY-OPEN SLIDER PACKAGE
AND RELATED METHODS OF MANUFACTURE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants request that the following amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A package comprising a receptacle having a mouth at an upper end, a flexible zipper attached to said mouth and comprising first and second fastener strips, a slider movably mounted to said zipper for alternately opening or closing portions of said first and second fastener strips depending on the direction of movement of said slider relative to said zipper, and an enclosed header enclosing said zipper and said slider, wherein said enclosed header comprises first and second side edges and first and second walls each extending from said first side edge to said second side edge, said first side edge comprising a first tear notch formed therein, and said first wall of said enclosed header comprising a first line of weakness having a first portion

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